STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DT 10-054

ENHANCED 911

Request to Reduce E911 Surcharge

Order Reducing Surcharge

<u>ORDER NO. 25,084</u>

March 25, 2010

On March 10, 2010, the Commission received notice from the Department of Safety, Division of Emergency Services and Communications, that the Enhanced 911 Commission had voted to reduce the surcharge for Enhanced 911 (E911) service from 64 cents per month to 57 cents per month pursuant to its authority under RSA 106-H:9.

On March 24, 2010, Commission Staff (Staff) filed a memo recommending that the Commission waive N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 1203.05, requiring that rate changes be implemented on a service rendered basis, in order to allow the rate decrease to be implemented by April 1, 2010.

The current surcharge of 64 cents per month was implemented by Order No. 24,672, (September 29, 2006) and has been in effect since November 1, 2006. In accordance with RSA 106-H:9, and N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 412.03(a) and 432.03(a), we will direct local exchange carriers to file revised tariff or rate schedules to implement the new surcharge established by the E911 Commission for bills rendered on and after April 1, 2010. We find that waiving the requirement to implement this rate change on a service rendered basis is in the public interest because ratepayers will benefit from the rate decrease more expeditiously if implemented on a bills rendered basis and utility revenues will not be adversely impacted due to

the pass-through nature of this change. Accordingly, we will grant the waiver recommended by Staff.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that each local exchange carrier bill the E911 surcharge at 57 cents per line per month, beginning with bills dated on or after April 1, 2010, until further notice by the Commission; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that incumbent local exchange carriers file properly annotated revised tariff pages no later than 30 days from the date of this order; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that competitive local exchange carriers file revised rate schedules no later than 30 days from the date of this order; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that NH Admin Rule Puc 1203.05 (b) is waived for the implementation of this rate change.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-fifth day of March, 2010.

Chairman

Clifton C. Below Commissioner

Commissioner

Attested by:

Executive Director